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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONFOR TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF
INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 1010

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE EC COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL TO THE COUNCIL THAT THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT,WHICH IS COMPOSED OF THE WHEAT TRADE CONVENTION AND THE FOOD AID CONVENTION,BE EXTENDED TWO YEARS AFTER ITS SCHEDULED EXPIRATION DATE OF JUNE 30, 1976. THE COMMISSION DOCUMENT REFERS TO DIFFICULTIES WHICH OCCURRED LAST YEAR WHEN A TWO-YEAR EXTENSION WAS ALSO PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION. THERE WERE INTERNAL DISAGREEMENTS AMONG THE MEMBER STATES REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD AID OBLIGATIONS. ALSO,THERE WERE THOSE WHO ADVOCATED ONLY A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE IWA IN ORDER TO GENERATE PRESSURE FOR ONCLUDING A NEW AGREEMENT. IN FACT,THE EC HAS STILL BEEN UNABLE TO CONCLUDE LAST YEARS'S PROTOCQL TO EXTEND THE IWA ONE YEAR UNTIL JUNE 30,
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1976. (THOUGH IT HAS UNTIL THAT DATE TO DO SO.)

2. THE COMMISSION FEELS THAT PREVIOUS ANNUAL PROTOCOLS HAVE HAD NO DEMONSTRABLE EFFECT ON SPEEDING UP NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW WHEAT AGREEMENT. THE COMMISSION THUS CONCLUDES THAT THE EC SHOULD COMMIT ITSELF FIRMLY TO AN EXTENSION OF BOTH CONVENTIONS OF THE IWA FOR NOT LESS THAN TWO YEARS, THOUGH IN THE LAST RESORT, IT SHOULD NOT REFUSE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSIO IF THIS FINALLY PROVES TO BE THE ONLY BASIS OF AGREEMENT.

3. MISSION WILL MAIL COPIES OF THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO EXTEND IWA TO JOHN MCCARTHY, STATE/EUR/RPE AND TO GORDON FRASER, USDA/FAS/ITP.

4. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO MAKE FURTHER DISTRIBUTION OF THIS MESSAGE TO OTHER CAPITALS.
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